

WEEKLY CHAMPION.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 1884.

The round house at this place is rapidly assuming shape. The frame work is completed, and the nine stalls will be ready for occupancy in a short time.

John F. Scott, of Williams, principal of the school at that point, was in town today. Mr. S. has been appointed Justice of the Peace at Williams, in place of Judge Sanford, resigned. He is a very popular young man, and we doubt not will prove an efficient officer.

Coolihan, better known as "Old Dad," who has been acting as day hostler at this point for several months, has gone to Texas. Dad says he interfered too much with Master Barrett, and his superior officers got jealous of him! Dad left last night.

Harley Fay offers his restaurant, billiard parlor and bar for sale. It is the largest and best building in Peach Springs, is doing a profitable business, and would be a good investment for any person. The building is now being painted and otherwise improved. Mr. Fay desires to go into the mining business. Read the advertisement.

A Worcester excursion car arrived in Peach Springs this morning, bringing a party of eastern capitalists, who will visit the Grand Canyon. It is through Governor Trille's influence they are in Arizona, and they will visit the mines of Yavapai county, where most of the party at present are. Among the gentlemen are Lawrence R. Jerome, E. F. Searles, John Travers, M. R. Schuyler, and W. B. Murray. The car will not return to Ash Fork to receive the balance of the party until Monday next, when they will proceed to California.

STOCKTON.

Mohave County's most lively Mining Camp.

The mining camp known as Stockton, situated about ten miles southwest from Kingman, in Mohave county is the leading camp in the county today. It shows up more mineral to the surface than any section yet mentioned and for miles the surface indications bear mineral from five to ten feet in width. The Gray Bros., Messrs. Gile, Else, Southwick, Haen, Cupel Mining Company, Spruance, Stanley & Co., owners, Jack Johnson, Sage, Snyder & Howard, J. C. Libabee, Kennedy, Engle and several others whose names are not before us, are all working claims in the district with very encouraging results. The Gray Bros. have eight claims, all free milling ore, the Moonbeam, Blue Belle, Miners' Hope, Fountain Head and Day City claims are showing up good free milling ore, from which they are shipping ore to San Francisco, or are getting out ore for that purpose at the present time. Phil Hach is taking out ore to be shipped which promises good results. The Cupel Mining Company, Stanley, Spruance & Co., San Francisco, owners, has two shafts 300 feet apart, with a tunnel running between them, which will require greater depth, although mineral is taken out in good paying quantities on the apparent depth of 100 feet. The Star Spangled Banner mine, Eschmark, C. O. D., Black Warrior, Alia, all belonging to different parties, are taking out ore and about 35 men are employed in the camp. Average assays \$75 to the ton, but some assays go up into the thousands. Mr. Frank Nickolson, of Peach Springs, came in from that district this week, where he is the owner of the Coraline mine, upon which he has a 70 foot shaft. All the mining properties are free milling ore assaying gold silver and lead, and look very promising. It is an old camp, work being done there eight years ago, when they packed the ore out on burros. We shall give a more extended report of this prosperous mining camp at a future time.

Our Public School.

The Peach Springs public school opened on Monday last with an attendance of twelve pupils. Mr. J. F. Marrs is teacher. The books used are the same as used in all the schools of the Territory, and the pupils are getting along splendidly under their able instructor. It afforded us a great deal of pleasure to visit the school on Friday last, and hear the different classes recite their lessons. Everything is orderly and quiet, and the school room is well furnished with good comfortable seats, blackboard, and well heated. We predict for our school, under the management of Mr. Marrs, a successful future, and such is the earnest wish of the people of Peach Springs. The parents and guardians of the children should pay the school a visit occasionally that they may see for themselves and thus encourage a teacher in his good work.

New Master Mechanic.

Mr. A. R. Barrett, formerly of Williams, has been appointed Master Mechanic of the A. & P. road, from Winslow to the river. He is a man of large experience, and will bring to his department a knowledge which will be profitable to the railroad company. J. F. Coons, Master Mechanic for the Fifth Division, has resigned.

Miss Jennie Flood, the millionaire's daughter, announces that she does not intend to marry any of the titled gentlemen of Europe, but when she gets a chance she will marry some good sensible young American.

The following is the apportionment of the school fund in Yavapai county for the places named: Williams, \$413.43; Flagstaff, \$244.41; Ash Fork, \$169.29. The total amount apportioned in the county is \$6,927.45.

L. J. Lassell has erected an assay office at Kingman, and will soon be ready for business. Mr. Lassell is an old assayer and will do a good business in his line of trade, as he is well known throughout the county.

"Big Dan" Dowd, one of the Bisbee murderers, has had his examination, and was held to await the action of the special grand jury in Cochise county. Sheriff Ward is very likely to have a necktie party in Tombstone soon.

J. R. and Edward Vail have leased the Total Wreck mine for a period of 99 years. This property has been in controversy in the Tucson courts for a long time, but now the title is quieted, and we are glad to know the property, which is a good one, is to be worked.

One practical result of the publication of the Huntington letters will be the forfeiture of the Texas Pacific land grant of 14,000,000 acres upon which Mr. H. and his associates of the Southern Pacific company have been casting longing glances for some time. And dead General Colton, turning in his coffin, will smile and say, "It's another unhappy day for Huntington."

We have before us the first number of the Arizona Live Stock Journal, published by the Cameron Bros. It is a handsome little paper and will, no doubt, be liberally patronized by stock men and those who desire to know about the stock interests of the territory. The first number shows a great deal of care in its compilation. We welcome it to our table.

A movement is on foot for the formation of a miners' union at Kingman, N. M. The movement was brought about by a rumor on the streets that the superintendents of the different mines had held a meeting and had discussed the feasibility of cutting wages of miners to \$3 per day and surface men to \$2.50 per day.

We have before us the first number of the Apache Chief, a weekly newspaper published at St. Johns, Apache county. George A. McCarter, formerly of Prescott, is the editor and proprietor. It is a neatly printed sheet, is filled with interesting local matter and general reading, and reflects great credit upon its enterprising proprietor. The Chief has our best wishes for its success.

The accomplished critic of the Denver Inter Ocean says that Mrs. Lan try "has no more conception of the meaning of her lines than a Platte River ranchman has of an art gallery, and when it simmers right down to a question of beauty, we have thousands of ladies in this great republic who can beat her out of sight, and they don't hold themselves very high, either."

Miss Martineau is doing well, says the Baltimore News, to have a statue of herself erected in less than ten years after her death. It is only a move in the right direction. The time is approaching when prominent citizens will realize that the only safe means of securing a statue is to erect it during their own lifetime.

P. H. McGowan, formerly business manager of the San Francisco Evening Post, died suddenly in Washington of hemorrhage of the lungs on Saturday night. Mr. McGowan at the time of his death was connected with the internal revenue office. He will be remembered by many Arizonians as the correspondent of the New York Herald during the Indian campaign of 1874.

We have received the initial number of an octavo magazine called the "Outlook," published at Laurel Hall, San Mateo, California. This magazine is published by young ladies—the writing, type-setting, and press-work all being done by girls in the school. It is a very neat piece of work typographically, and its articles are fresh and show careful preparation. The art of type setting is taught in the school so that in case misfortune should overtake them in life the young ladies can have something substantial to rely on outside of books and music.

All persons desiring a copy of this paper, or to aid a school of this kind in any way, should address Mrs. Manson Buckmaster, Principal, Laurel Hall, San Mateo, California.

Flavored Flagstaff Fritterings Fricassee For Family Fare.

FLAGSTAFF, Jan. 17, 1884.
EDITOR CHAMPION:—Ed. E. Ayer and daughter, enroute for the Pacific coast, spent several days in town. Mr. A. is president of the Ayer lumber company who have extensive interests here. The principal office of the Ayer company is in Chicago. They left on Sunday night.

Frank Hart is spending a few days in town.

Colonel Reed, editor of the Flag, is absent.

Major Miner is back from a trip to Albuquerque.

The Flagstaff school has a daily attendance of thirty-five scholars.

Mr. Spianey, of the Flagstaff hotel, is dangerously ill, and it is thought he cannot recover.

Dan Murphy, our west end merchant with a party of friends, leaves tonight for the Cataract country.

J. N. Berry, proprietor of the San Juan, is back from an extended trip to New Mexico and the southwest.

Dr. G. W. Mason is spending a few days in town. Your presence, (socially speaking), is always a pleasure, Doctor.

Doctor Brennan has gone to Tucson. The Doctor has not yet decided to accept charge of the hospital at that place.

Mr. Sanderson, of West End, dealer in fruits, confectionery and canned goods, is enjoying a trade that induces him to enlarge his stock.

During the closing down of the Ayer mill for repairs, many of the employees will make a visit to home and friends in the east.

Messrs. McLean, Rodgers and Gregory went hunting to Diablo and killed one hundred and seven rabbits in one day. Diablo!!!

P. J. Brennan has gone East on business. Mr. Brennan is proprietor of the Monarch Cash Store and is the pioneer merchant of Flagstaff.

Our popular young townsman, Gus B. May, will not for the present leave P. J. Brennan & Co., and deems that he anticipates entering any other profession, license or no license.

A. J. White, in the mammoth issue of the Albuquerque Journal, speaks of Flagstaff as the Chicago of Arizona. We believe if Chicago keeps pace with the times, and has no more great fires, she will become the Flagstaff of Illinois.

In our notice of prominent people we regret to record the return to our town of "California Bill," the presence of "Oil Wheeler" and the temporary absence of "Guitar William."

Ben Chester, the popular young gentleman who presides over the interests of Messrs. Gregg & Gregg, is rapidly recovering from the effects of serious gunshot wounds.

Jim May has come in from Wingate with a pack of hounds. Mr. May is widely known in North Arizona, and has many warm personal friends in our town. Mr. M. is going to the Cataract country with a party of acquaintances, "to see the country and have a good time, you know."

California Bill had a warm reception on his last visit, so warm indeed, that most of our business men "fired" him. Bill has a little rhyme which he softly hums while walking the street: "When I read the Queen Bee, I found myself a hero, While in that CHAMPION, I see, I am rated but a burro."

From Doctor Mason, of Williams, we learn that fears are entertained for the safety of our old friend, John F. Liding. John started to California overland. He had with him his wife and more gold than it is prudent to carry. He promised to notify his friends of his progress towards the golden shore but nothing has been heard of him.

Mr. Robert Brownie, of the firm of Brownie & Son, has returned east. Upon the eve of his departure he was the recipient of a serenade by the Flagstaff band. Bobbie returned the compliment in the shape of a few appropriate remarks in which he thanked them for the attention and bade them good bye. Bob was a member of the band and is highly esteemed by all.

Mr. Kelly, an employee of John Clark, is in town, and relates the following extraordinary adventure that occurred near Chavis Pass during the last cold weather. Your correspondent gathered the facts from Mr. Kelly who is the hero of the story, and whose straightforward manner went far to establish the truth of the story. Mr. Kelly found seven prostrate antelope on a lake of ice, and having no gun at the time, proceeded to tie them with ropes. While securing the prostrate seven he discovered five more antelope on a small island near at hand. After trying in vain to drive them from the island; he proceeded to lasso them, and in a short space of time

had twelve antelope securely tied. Kelly then went home, procured an axe and killed the animals. Mr. Kelly brought the antelope to the butchers here, but will keep the axe to show to incredulous people, who otherwise might doubt this truthful statement of facts.

We regret to note the sneering tone of a small newspaper in its comments upon the attractions in the vicinity of our town. The subject necessarily becomes stale and monotonous to those residing in the immediate vicinity, from the fact that we are continually coming in contact with scores of people who visit each week some attractive feature of our wonderful country. The praise of Niagara itself, has become threadbare to the residents of Suspension Bridge and Niagara, but they do not for that reason ridicule the visitor and stranger who comes among them to spend his time and distribute his money. It is praiseworthy in a newspaper, as well as in an individual, to protect its interests—be kind and courteous to strangers and the ladies.

We are asked "what is the commercial importance of Flagstaff? Why do we give it first place in rank west of Albuquerque, on the A. & P. line?" In defense of our assertion, we present a few facts in regard to the town, without reference to the surrounding country, or its bright prospective future. It is the location of the Ayer mill which manufactures one hundred thousand feet of lumber daily, with out reference to the planers, lath and shingles, and the box factories run in connection. It has six hundred inhabitants, several general stores, including two that do both a wholesale and retail business. A large house is now being erected for the exclusive sale of hardware, tinware and furniture. One drug store, one newspaper running, five hotels and restaurants, two wholesale meat markets, two livery and sales stables, two blacksmiths shops, one wagon shop, several laundries, two responsible firms of contractors and builders. We have the necessary number of newsstands and fruit and confectionary establishments. Our general stores also wholesale liquors, and treat good customers. This will enable us to get on, with our elevating saloons, until spring, when a boom in that branch of business is anticipated. We have a good school and a sabbath school. We have able lawyers, skillful doctors, talented teachers, honest preachers and scientific gamblers.

Henry Dold, of Albuquerque, is visiting D. A. Murphy, of the west end. Mr. Dold and Dan are old friends. HAL.

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